# **NEW AGENTS WORK** ON REBATE CASES

Investigation Has Been Resumed but Among Shippers This Time.

### COMMISSIONER MAY RETURN

Effort Now Is to Find Out More About Papers That Were

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secrecy which enabled other representatives of the government to uncover lillegal rebate practices here, special agents of the Interstate Commerce Commission, apparently under direction of Commissioner Lane, have started another investigation with a view to securing more definite information 8s to the destruction of important and valuable records of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company.

Began Work on Saturday.

The special agents arrived here on Saturday, a few hours after Mr. L. B. Johnson and Mr. S. H. Smith, the two first in the city, returned to Washington. For obvious reasons Mr. Johnson was not kept on the task. He had become too well known in Richmond, and, although his work was as clever and thorough as any ever brought to the attention of the commission, it was considered the part of wisdom to send out other men for the new job.

Naturally, there is more excitement in railroad and shipping circles, especially in the latter, as it is said that the agents were on Cary Street late Saturday afternoon. They are anxious to inspect the books believing that further inquiry will reveal other astounding facts. One or two clues were picked up by Commissioner Lane and Mr. John H. Marble, special attorney, which they concluded should be followed, and no surprise will be felt if they return to Richmond within the next few weeks. Mr. Lane left Washington last night for Des Moines, Iowa. He expects to be in the West ten days.

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After Burning Record Facts.

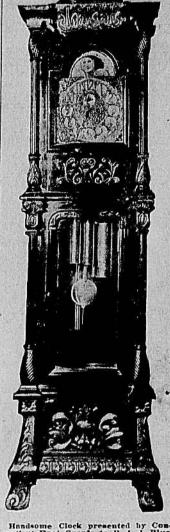
Instead of having reached its end, therefore, the investigation seems to be really in its infancy. From reliable sources it is learned that the United States government is determined to find out more about the destruction of railroad papers. When Mr. E. M. Thomas, chief clerk to Auditor of Disbursements Enslow, testified on Thursday that the papers desired by the commission had been destroyed, he admitted that he did not make a very careful search, accepting the statement which is the did not make a very careful search, accepting the statement of Mr. Enslow as final. He was instructed to make a more diligent extended to the stand. This of itself was significant, the fact being alled to mind immediately when it became known that the special agents were sent here primarily to wade brough the storage room. Accompanying his subpoena was an order to Mr. Phomas to produce certain papers and documents. Had the files and records been complete he could have found hem with little difficulty. His admission that they had been burned was apparently the only fact which surprised Mr. Lane, to whom the whole story of false billing and rebating was known before he began the public hearing.

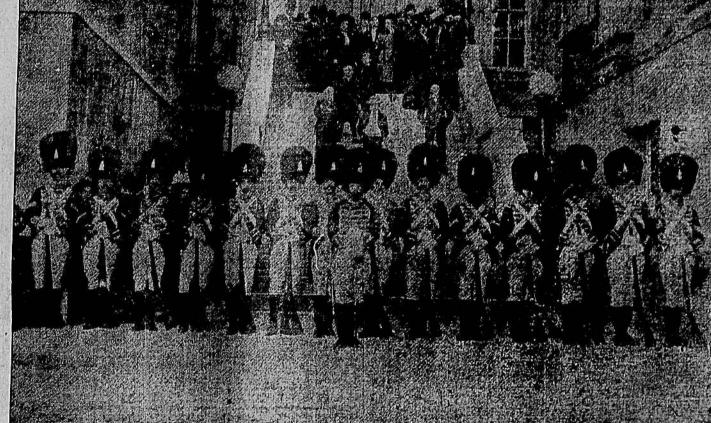
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## CONNETICUT TROOPS AS THEY APPEARED IN CAPITOL SQUARE SATURDAY

The Times The Dispatch





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## STRANGE HAPPENINGS WHEN MEMORY FLED

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of Clever Rogues.

Horse and Trap Gone and 'No Small Fortune of Innocent Hen-Trace Left-Not Drunk,

nesday, March 18th.

THE CAMPAIGN VERY DULL

Effort to Get Leading Citizens to Run for Council Fails. Few Changes Expected.

## NO CRY OF HARD TIMES FROM COMMERCIAL MEN

# City Committee in Favor of Ordering Election for Wed-LEAVE SEABOARD

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Optimistic Expressions by Representatives of Every Trade and Industry in Richmond.

MANAGER DABNEY'S WORK

Volume of Business in Many Instances Greater Than That of February Last Year.

# OFFICE-HOLDERS SUPPORTING TAFT

Otherwise, Hughes Man Says New York Governor May Get Virginia Vote.

STRONG IN OLD DOMINION

Secretary Smith, of Hughes League, Confers With Party Leaders Here.

"I have found that Republican vot-ers in Virginia regard Governor Hughes as the leading candidate," said Mr. Smith last night at Murphy's Hotel, where he had been in conference with

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